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1. The Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists Fighting for their Independence (Organizatsiya Ukrainskikh Nationalistiv Samostli-nikov) (OUN-S) (Melnik) and the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalist Revolutionists (Organizatsiya Ukrainskikh Nationalistiv Revoliutsionerov) (OUN-R) (Bandera), two right wing Ukrainian emigrant parties are in mutual opposition although they have much in common. (1) As could be expected, therefore, repeated negotiations for merger have occurred. These, however, have failed thus far.
2. The last known negotiations started in November 1949 and are still in process. The objective of these negotiations was to consolidate the middle-of-the-road group with the left wing of the Ukrainian National Council (Ukrainska Nacionalna Rada) (UNR).
3. Acting as representative for the OUN-S was Engineer Dmitri Andriyevski of Brussels while Professor A. Konenko represented the OUN-R. (2) Negotiations took place in the apartment of Jaroslav Stetsko on Herzog-Rudolfstrasse, Munich. (3)
4. The following points were under discussion:
 - a. Policy of the two groups toward the Main Liberation Council (Ukrainska Golovna Vytsvolna Rada) (UGVR) of the OUN-R.
 - b. Joint policy toward the Ukrainian National Council (UNR)
 - c. Joint policy toward the other Ukrainian political organizations.
 - d. Possibilities of a merger of the two groups.

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5. Virtual agreement had allegedly been reached in the negotiations but in the very last moment Bandera refused to accept it. The negotiations were suspended in early February 1950, each group blaming the other for the failure. The actual reason for the failure was Bandera's fear of losing his dictatorial powers over his party. He and his assistants are prepared to make ideological concessions only if they continue to be the organizational masters. This, however, was not acceptable to the Melnik adherents.
6. Buchenko appears to be the driving force in the unofficial continuation of the negotiations for merger. (4) Without his strong influence there would be little chance of success.

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Comments.

- (1) The OUN-S (Melnik Group) is a Ukrainian emigrant right-wing party with a rather vague platform. Leaders of the party are Colonel A. Melnik and Professor Swyaty, and the office is in Aschaffenburg. The OUN-R (Bandera Group) is an extreme, radical and quasi-fascist right wing group whose leader is Stanislaw Bandera and whose office is in Munich. The OUN-R opposes the Ukrainian National Council (UNC) and insists on recognition of its own government (UGNR). The OUN-R, as compared with the OUN-S, is strong in organization but weak in its ideological platform. It belonged formerly to the Melnik Party from which it split later.
- (2) Andriyevski is leader of the Belgian OUN-S Section and Kononenko is chief of the Bandera security service in Munich.
- (3) Stetsko is closely connected with Bandera and implicitly obeys the latter's orders. He is the No.2 man in the OUN-R.
- (4) Buchenko is bishop of the Ukrainian United Church. He is said to have urged the Bandera group practically to suspend their cooperation with the Ukrainian National Council.

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